(b) what are the details of the fresh steps that have been taken to attract students to sports and scouting at young age?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS AND WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA): (a) According to information furnished by the University Grants Commission, it sanctioned the following grants to Punjab University for promotion of sports during the last three years:

Year	Amount paid
1984-85	Rs. 50,000
1985-86	Nil
1986-87	Rs. 1,00,000

(b) With a view to attracting students to sports the Government have raised the number and value of sports scholarships for students three-fold. The Sports Authority of India has launched the schemes of National Sports Talent Contest for school students and Adoption of schools for nurturing talent spotted in the Contest. The Netaji Subhas National Institute of Sports has set up a number of Sports field Stations in universities to impart sports training and coaching to students. The new School Prize Money Scheme based on district level tournaments among schools is expected to create enthusiasm for sports among students. Besides, grants are given by Government to the University Grants Commission for assisting universities and colleges in creation of sports infrastructure. As for scouting and guiding, a provision of Rs. 1 crore has been made in the Seventh Five Year Plan for encouraging these activities, *inter alia* in schools and colleges.

Assistance to Punjab University for Video Cassette Production

147. SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a proposal to help in the establishment of video cassette production units by various educational institutions or Universities; and

(b) if so, what assistance has been offered to the Punjab University for the purpose?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) The UGC is implementing a programme of establishment of Educational Media Research Centres and Audio-Visual Research Centres in selected universities. The centres are intended for the production of software for educational broadcasts and telecasts and for training of manpower for this purpose.

(b) The Punjab University has submitted a proposal for the establishment of an Audio-Visual Research Centre. No decision has been taken by the Commission on this proposal. In the meanwhile, the Commission has sanctioned a grant of Rs. 11.25 lakhs to the Punjab University for production of Video-programmes.

U.G.C. sanction for Film Study centres in Universities

148. SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the U.G.C. has sanctioned setting up of Film Study Centres in some Universities;

(b) if so, what are the objects and guiding principles for the establishment of such Centres; and

(c) which of the Universities that have already set up these centres?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The objectives of the Centres are:

(1) To increase the awareness of film as a modern art form and of the cinema as a medium of social communication and education by exposing students to international and Indian film classics of various genres in a systematic manner.

(2) To organise discussions, symposia, lectures and courses on any aspect of film appreciation.

(3) To attempt to relate film as a subject with other subjects which are being studied on the campus, and with fine arts; and

(4) To expand the understanding of the relationship of the cinema with the needs of individual growth and with social development.

(c) The Universities/Colleges which have set up these Centres are as under:

1. Punjab University, Chandigarh.
2. Satyawati Co-educational College Delhi.
3. Indraprastha College for Women, Delhi.
4. Lady Shri Ram College, New Delhi.
5. Allahabad University, Allahabad.
6. Kamla Nehru College for Women, Jodhpur.
7. Magadh Mahila College, Patna.
8. Calcutta University Calcutta.
9. Calcutta University P. G. Centre, Agartala.
10. D. M. College of Arts and Commerce, Imphal.
11. Gujarat University, Ahmedabad.
12. N.M.D. Post Graduate College, Gondia.
13. M.S. University Baroda.
14. Marathwada University, Aurangabad.
15. S.N.D.T. College of Home Science, Pune.
16. Poona University, Pune.
17. Sri Venkateswara University, Tirupati.
18. University of Madras, Madras.
19. University of Mysore, Mysore.
20. Maharaja's College, Mysore.
21. L. B. Shastri College, Sagara.
22. Kerala University, Trivandrum.

Railway division at Ahmedabad

149. SHRI RAOOF VALIULLAH:
SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA:
SHRI SAGAR RAIKA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a decision has been taken to establish a new railway division for Ahmedabad;

(b) if not, by when a decision is likely to be taken in the matter;

(c) what is the present strength of employees in Baroda division and the area of its jurisdiction; and

(d) whether it is also a fact that a decision has been taken in principle to establish a railway division at each State Capital?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) and (b) In view of severe financial constrains, it is not proposed to sanction any more new Divisions for the present.

(c) Vadodara Division has a total staff strength of 30306 and its jurisdiction covers an area of 1678 route kilometres.

(d) No, Sir.